

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
November 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its November Stated Meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City. Ken Page, Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of at least 15 teaching elders and 15 ruling elders with at least 15 churches being represented.

Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. There was an approved motion to grant voice at this meeting to: Pete Vogel of Presbytery de Cristo; Ray Schulte of the Center for Parish Development; and the young people present representing those who attended the Youth Triennium. There were 32 registered visitors.

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Raymond Larson (Minnesota Valleys)

Ray Schulte (Center for Parish Development)

Teaching Elders Present – 44

Albertson, Daniel
Anderson, Mark
Baer, Doug
Berry, Thomas
Byall, Lowell
Cho, Yongho
Coffman, Renee
Felix, Robert
Fletcher, Tully
Fraser, Jennifer
Hartwell, Michael

Hicks, David
Hodgson, David
Johnson, Bruce
Keesecker, Joe
Khjeek, Estawri
Ledermann, Eric
Lineweaver, Thomas
Moe, Kenneth
Moe, Michelle
Moorefield, Susan
Munroe, Brad

Murman, Kimberly
Olagues, José
Page, Kenneth
Palmer, Theron
Poling, John
Proudfoot, Charles
Ramos, Gonzalo
Rice, Kristin
Saylor, Mary
Selestewa, Sharon
Spence, Edward

Tilly, Mark
Watkins, Gale
Wellington, Judy
Wescott, Linda
Winkelpleck, Judy
Wintz, Susan
Wintz, Michael
Witte, Cathy
Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Young, Patricia
Zabriskie, Richard

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 39

Arizona Korean - Tae King
Bethany - Lanny Trapnell
Celebration of Life - Elly Schemen, Isabella Wahl
Chinle Trinity - Rayme Walker
Desert Palms - Jean Montgomery
Faith - Beverly Fletcher
Faith - John Gregory
Fort Defiance - Donna Etsitty
Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill
Gilbert - David Martinez
Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina
Indian Wells - Darrell Nez
John Calvin - Craig Weber
Memorial - Ted Keane
Mesa First - Bill Lents
Mingus View - Susan Goe, Richard Webster

Mountain View - David Sanderson
Orangewood - Keith Wetzel
Payson Community - Tom Jones
Peoria First - Shannon Langston
Pinnacle - Paul Rooker, Jeff Smith
Prescott Trinity - David Frederiksen, Connie Palmrose
Salt River - LaBerta Collins
Scottsdale - Jeff Barton
Sierra Vista - Glen Moss
Southminster - Wanda Morrell, Fred Warren
Sun City First - Evelyn Haas
University - Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler
Vah-Ki - Dick Coffelt, Bonita Lyons
Westminster - Don Merritt
Yarnell Community - JerrieLea Hopf, Ron Hopf

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 2

Paul Jones

Calvin Kelly

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present

Dave Boyne	George Prohaska	Mary Lynn Walters
George Brooks	Bob Schulz	Barb Zubler

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath	Carolyn McBurney
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Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Farwell, Barbara	Mann, Melissa	Saylor, George
Arbesman, Janet	Flahiff, John	Letizia, Gordon	Schenck, Jed
Bailey, Linda	Fooks, John	Martz, Robert	Schmitt, Gus
Baxter, Patricia	Fowler, Douglas	Mayes, Robert	Serchak, David
Beghin, Emily	Fox, Charles	McCabe, Norma	Serchak, Jo
Bell, Arthur	Fulton, Helmi	Melendez, Hipolito	Simms, Lowelle
Berg, George	Gard, Gary	Meredith, Ralph	Smith, Esther
Bigler, Robert	Gephart, Al	Merwald, Alfred	Soderquist, Paul
Brahams, Hap	Goad, Jessica	Miller, Craig	Straatmeyer, Al
Bruening, James	Gray, Barrie	Miller, Jerry	Swicegood, Terry
Burtless, Stanford	Hayes, William	Miller, Joan	Uhley, James
Cameron, Stu	Hicks, Mae	Moranville, Thomas	Ulrickson, Paul
Campbell, Arthur	Hodgson, Deanne	Moser, Paul	Valle, Paula
Citron, Suzanne	Holland, Cheri	Nielsen, Richard	Vautier, Grif
Clark, Bobbye	Houdeshell, Donovan	Nieto, Kelly	Vogel, Leslie
Clark, Robert	Joe, Victor	Nieto, Michael	Voth, John
Cook, John	Johnson, Caleb	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Walker, David
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Jousan, Mike	Parker, Gayle	Wallace, David
Davis, Harrell	Kesler, Jim	Parker, Thomas	White, Frank
Day, Kathleen	Kim, Kwang	Phillips, Norman	Witt, Bill
Doh, Helen	Kim, Myung Bae	Phillips, Beverly	Wright, Douglas
Doh, Joseph	Kirk, Wayne	Pratt, Edward	Wright, Eugene
Dulaney, Robert	Kush, Gary	Pulido, Gloria	Young, Alvin
Eckert, Peter	Latty, Allan	Ramsdell, Richard	
Engstrom, Bud	Lefebvre, Eugene	Sabbagh, John	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Excused

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Teaching Elders Absent

Avram, Wesley	Garcia, Joaquin	Muenich, Karen	Tamayo, Erin
Beard, Steve	Harmon, Frank	Northrup, Cathy	Turner, David
Blincoe, Robert	Hart, Floyd	Ramirez, Julio	Vautier, Holly
Brandfass, Gwen	Hawkins, Darren	Roberts, Margaret	Weir, Kyle
Brown, Kelsy	Hilla, Andrew	Sadongei, Martha	Wilcher, Jay
Campbell, Katrina	Jacobs, Lynn	Schultz, Harris	Willerton, Sherry
Crelin, James	Japenga, Mike	Schumacher, Bruce	Woodruff, Kelsey
Eaken, Lawrence	Jennison, Cynthia	Seller, Ben	Worsnop, Linda
Evans, Lloyd	Joynt, David	Sexton, Kirk	
Fischer, Scott	Kerber, Keith	Song, Seok Min	
Freitas, Eneyas	Lloyd, Linda	Stahmer, Bruce	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Danny Halwood	Annette Lewis	Sam Weinschenk
Lois Hildenbrand	Martha Lopez Loreda	

Churches Absent

Betania	Flagstaff Federated	Maricopa First	Tuba City
Blackwater	Fort McDowell	Mission del Sol	Urban Connect
Central	Ganado	Northminster	Wellton Community
Chandler	Goodyear Village	Palo Cristi	Yuma First
Church of the Master	Heritage	Parker Valley	
Crosswinds	Lehi	Pinetop Community	
Emmanuel	Leupp First	Sacaton First	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order, Lighting of Peace Candle and Opening Prayer	Ken Page
9:05 a.m.	Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests	Ken Page
	Enrolling Corresponding Members	
	Establishing a Quorum	
	Approving the Docket	
	Receiving Commission Reports	
	Approving the Consent Agenda	
	Approving the Rules of Decorum	
	Receiving New Business	
	Welcome	Susan Moorefield
	Sharing the Peace of Christ	
9:15 a.m.	Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
	Commissioning of Commissioned Ruling Elders	
10:30 a.m.	222 nd General Assembly Commissioners and YAAD Report	
11:10 a.m.	Domestic Violence Prevention Presentation	Joan Fenton
11:20 a.m.	Mission Fair	
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Commission on Ministry Report	Lawn Griffiths
	Recognition of TE Retirees – Shelly Moe and Pat Young	
	Examination of Paul Elgin for Ordination	
1:30 p.m.	Nominations Report	Bill Lents
1:40 p.m.	Igniting the Spark Report	Ray Schulte
1:55 p.m.	Resources Report – Presentation of 2017 Budget	David Boyne
2:15 p.m.	Theological Task Force Update	John Poling, Tom Lineweaver
2:30 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report	Bob Schulz
2:40 p.m.	Presbytery Pastor Report	Brad Munroe
2:50 p.m.	Operations Committee Update on GA Commissioner Elections	Bill Lents
3:00 p.m.	George Brooks Award Presentation	
3:10 p.m.	Scottsdale Administrative Commission Report	George Prohaska
3:40 p.m.	Adjourn with Prayer	Ken Page

COMMISSION REPORTS

Presbytery received the Commission Reports as a record of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to our commissions under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

11/19/16 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Action taken at the September 7, 2016 meeting

Approved the Urban Connect Administrative Commission starting its work with five members (with a quorum to be four) until such time as the rest of the Commission was recruited. (The full Commission of seven members was in place as of September 20, 2016.)

Actions taken at the October 5, 2016 meeting

Authorized the appointment of an Administrative Commission for the purpose of initiating the action of foreclosure on a dismissed church’s property (Christ Goodyear, Horizon, Community Lake Havasu, First Wickenburg, Fountain Hills, Scottsdale and Northminster) should a church agreeing to annual payments in its settlement agreement fail to make all the payments as stipulated in the agreement. Notice of non-compliance with the payment schedule will be identified by the Presbytery Financial Manager and communicated to the Stated Clerk who will notify the Administrative Commission of the need to review and take appropriate action regarding foreclosure.

The creation of the Administrative Commission will be by appointment by the Moderatorial Team in accordance with Form of Government G-3.0109b, with the following stipulations:

1. The AC will include three ruling and teaching elders, made up of one from each of the original three Administrative Commissions established for dismissals (Christ/Horizon, Fountain Hills/Scottsdale, and Community Lake Havasu/Wickenburg).
2. Since the payment schedules vary between 7 and 10 years, replacement of AC members may be necessary from time to time by the Moderatorial Team.
3. Any actions by this Administrative Commission shall be in consultation with the Stated Clerk and shall be reported to the Leadership Team at the time an action is initiated.

Authorized Brad Munroe to recruit members for the Affirmation Discernment Team.

Actions taken at the November 2, 2016 meeting

Approved a change in the date for the November 2017 Presbytery meeting from November 11 to November 4; and

Approved an alternative date of December 2, 2017 if the national Polity Conference conflicts with November 4.

Approved the following Presbytery meeting dates for 2018, with locations to be determined:

January 26-27	Friday-Saturday	Joint annual meeting with de Cristo
March 3	Saturday	
August 25	Saturday	Joint educational event with de Cristo
November 10	Saturday	

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Approved the proposed 2017 Presbytery of Grand Canyon budget, as developed by the Resources Committee, and recommended its final approval by the Presbytery.

Approved collecting an offering during worship at the November 19, 2016 Presbytery meeting to be designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Approved proposing to Presbytery de Cristo that the offering collected during worship at the joint Presbytery meeting on January 27-28, 2017, be designated for the Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank, with a shared food drive for AFFCB to also be collected at the meeting.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the August 23, 2016 meeting

Hicks, David

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Dave Hicks and Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church, on a part-time (30 hr/wk) basis, for a period of one year, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective August 28, 2016.

Salary	\$40,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	19,000	Dental	\$52.79/mo
Study Allowance	500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	.54/mi	Study Leave	Two weeks

Winkpleck, Judy

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Judy Winkpleck and Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective August 24, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$67,695	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	30,000	Medical/HRA	\$2,500
Travel Allowance	3,000	Vacation	30 days (6 Sundays)
Study Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Professional Expense	1,500		

First Presbyterian Church, Mesa

Approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) of the First Presbyterian Church in Mesa.

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Actions taken at the September 27, 2016 meeting

Brown, Kelsy

Ratified the appointment of the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Kelsy Brown as Associate Pastor to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Wesley Avram (Pinnacle)
 Scott Fischer (MAL)
 Frank Harmon (Pinnacle)
 Kenneth Page (Orangewood)
 Terry Palmer (Gilbert)

Ruling Elders

Susan Forrest (Pinnacle)
 Robert Orf (Orangewood)
 Carol Skewes (Fountain Hills)
 Jeff Smith (Pinnacle)
 Gloria Young (Southminster)

Nieto, Kelly and Michael

Approved the following Administrative Commission to Install the Revs. Kelly Nieto and Michael Nieto as Co-Associate Pastors to Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Jennifer Fraser (Gilbert)
 David Joynt (Valley)
 Brad Munroe (Presbytery Pastor)
 Ken Page (Orangewood)

Ruling Elders

Bob Aldag (Valley)
 Krissy Miskovsky (Mountain View)
 George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)

Remer, James

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. James Remer (HR) from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Presbytery de Cristo, effective September 27, 2016.

Porter, Donald

Approved the transfer of ordination of the Rev. Don Porter from the PC(USA) to the Reformed Church in America (RCA), effective October 20, 2016.

Nielsen, Richard

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Richard Nielsen to serve as Moderator of Gila River Presbyterian Church, effective September 27, 2016.

Yarnell Community Church

Approved allowing the Yarnell Session to proceed with an MIF transition plan, including a financial plan, job descriptions, and a covenant of closure, to be brought to the January COM meeting for review.

Transfer of Pastors of Departing Churches

Approved that a Teaching Elder may request a transfer to the Reformed body to which the congregation is requesting dismissal, concurrently with the dismissal or at a later time not to exceed 24 months (as stated in the Gracious Dismissal Policy) or that the Teaching Elder may request that the dismissal be considered renunciation of jurisdiction if that is the Teaching Elder's preference.

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Actions taken at the October 25, 2016 meeting

Campbell, Kristina

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Tina Campbell from the United Church of Christ into the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective April 26, 2016, in accordance with *Book of Order* G-2.0505a.

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the October 18, 2016 meeting

Enrolled Christopher Woodard of Valley Presbyterian Church as an Inquirer for the office of Teaching Elder, effective October 18, 2016.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Kelsy Brown September 18, 2016

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Kelsy Brown met at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Brown, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Wesley Avram (Pinnacle)
 Scott Fischer (MAL)
 Frank Harmon (Pinnacle)
 Kenneth Page (Orangewood)
 Terry Palmer (Gilbert)

Ruling Elders

Susan Forrest (Pinnacle)
 Robert Orf (Orangewood)
 Carol Skewes (Fountain Hills)
 Jeff Smith (Pinnacle)
 Gloria Young (Southminster)

Respectfully submitted,
 Ken Page

Minutes of Service of Installation – Revs. Kelly Nieto and Michael Nieto October 16, 2016

The Administrative Commission to Install the Revs. Kelley and Michael Nieto met at Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, on Sunday, October 16, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Kelley Nieto and Rev. Michael Nieto, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Jennifer Fraser (Gilbert)
 David Joynt (Valley)
 Brad Munroe (Presbytery Pastor)
 Ken Page (Orangewood)

Ruling Elders

Bob Aldag (Valley)
 Krissy Miskovsky (Mountain View)
 George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)

Respectfully submitted,
 Ken Page

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REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2015 were reviewed and approved:

- August 20, 2016
- Desert Palms
- Sierra Vista

SYNOD REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Synod of the Southwest Executive/Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca, the Administrator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe and the Stated Clerk/Associate of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo met in Phoenix on October 7, 2016 and reviewed the minutes, rolls and registers of Sierra Blanca, Santa Fe, Grand Canyon and de Cristo. The Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon covering January 23, 2015 – November 7, 2015 were approved without exception.

SALE OF WINSLOW CHURCH PROPERTY

The Winslow church property, located at 145 Hipkoe Drive in Winslow, was sold for the price of \$107,095 in accord with the actions of the Winslow Administrative Commission and the Resources Committee with the proceeds deposited into Mission Growth Account 22615.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda as a record of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the various ministry committees under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

11/19/16 Consent Agenda

1. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the September 23, 2016 meeting

Approved inclusion in the 2017 Presbytery budget of \$12,500 salary for the Native American Consultant in the North and \$5,000 salary for the Native American Consultant in the South, with these stipends to include all expenses such as travel, telephone and supplies.

Approved final amendments to the proposed 2017 Presbytery of Grand Canyon budget to be presented to the Presbytery for approval at its November 19, 2016 stated meeting.

Approved recommending to Presbytery a 2017 per capita amount of \$34.00, with the new breakdown to be as follows based on amounts approved by the Synod of the Southwest and the General Assembly:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Presbytery	\$22.50	\$22.88
Synod	4.00	4.00
General Assembly	<u>7.50</u>	<u>7.12</u>
Total	\$34.00	\$34.00

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Actions taken at the October 19, 2016 meeting

Authorized Barb Zubler to attempt to negotiate terms to eliminate the \$41,000 remaining balance on a 1974 PILP loan to Fort Defiance Presbyterian Church, with any such terms to be approved by Resources.

Authorized Paul Rooker to investigate the report of a breakdown of the air conditioning at Salt River Presbyterian Church and report back to Resources.

Approved simplifying the 2017 Mission Pledge Form and the accompanying letter to be sent to Presbytery churches to reflect fewer and less complicated giving options for 2017.

RULES FOR DECORUM AND DEBATE

Presbytery approved the Rules for Decorum and Debate as distributed with the call for the meeting:

MOTION: To adopt the following Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on the proposed Motion for Dismissal.

**RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE AND PROCEDURES FOR VOTING
ON PROPOSED MOTION FOR DISMISSAL
November 19, 2016**

BACKGROUND ON GRACIOUS DISMISSAL POLICY

At the Presbytery meeting held on March 7, 2015, a motion was presented to replace Part 17 of the Manual of Administrative Operations dealing with “Presbytery Policy for Congregations Desiring a Departure from the PC (USA).” The document submitted for consideration at the March meeting had components that did not meet the test of being constitutional as established by recent Permanent Judicial Commission decisions as communicated by the General Assembly office of Constitutional Services.

A Gracious Dismissal Policy document was prepared for consideration at the November 7, 2015 Presbytery meeting, in accord with actions taken at the March 7, 2015 Presbytery meeting. The Gracious Dismissal Policy was approved by the Presbytery.

It is with this Gracious Dismissal Policy that the churches have come before the Presbytery of Grand Canyon seeking dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE

(based on RONR Page 391)

1. Speeches to any of the motions are limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con. There will be a microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis between pro and con. Discussion is limited to proposed Dismissal Terms contained in the Administrative Commission Report. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. State your name and church affiliation before making comment.
4. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and remarks shall not impugn another person or that person’s motives.

5. All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.
6. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
7. Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.
8. Extra reports or documents, other than the report of the AC proposal/report, are not to be read or distributed.
9. Persons shall not disturb the assembly, e.g. clapping, shouting, etc.
10. Moderator shall monitor and preserve decorum during the debate.

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING (approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. Voting on motions for Enrolling Corresponding Members, Approval of the Docket, and Approval of the Rules of Decorum will be by simple majority.
2. Voting on the motions for dismissal shall be done one at a time.
3. Voting is by registered commissioners only.
4. Each commissioner will receive a colored card at time of registration. Only individuals holding the colored card will be counted in the voting process.
5. Each church dismissal vote shall have a minimum of 2/3 of the total votes cast for approval.
6. Votes shall be counted by counters selected from the commissioners by the Stated Clerk.

Counters selected by the Stated Clerk were: Lou Jacobo, Bob Orf, Terry Palmer and Ed Spence.

NEW BUSINESS

New business was requested by the Administrative Commission charged with reaching a settlement for dismissal of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church to ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) according the Presbytery's Gracious Dismissal Policy. The Session of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church approved the settlement terms on Tuesday, November 15 and requested that it be brought before the Presbytery at this meeting. Article XII of the Gracious Dismissal Policy requires a thirty-day notice to the Presbytery before bringing a proposed dismissal to the body for a vote. The Administrative Commission made a motion, requiring a two-thirds majority vote, to vary this policy requirement in accordance with Bylaws Article IX, Section B-9.0120b. The following was approved:

MOTION: To suspend the thirty-day advance reporting requirement for the Administrative Commission to present its report on a proposed Scottsdale Presbyterian Church dismissal as the Order of the Day on today's Agenda.

GREETING

The Rev. Susan Moorefield, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Faith Presbyterian Church. Presbyters were invited to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by our August 2016 PC(USA) Youth Triennium participants. The Revs. Susan Moorefield and Kristin Rice presided over the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special music was provided by the Faith Presbyterian choir. The offering collected during the worship service was dedicated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Tully Fletcher reported that 19 youth, 4 advisors and 1 work crew member from Grand Canyon attended Triennium. The young people shared the joy they had experienced through worship and fellowship during this gathering of 5,000 Presbyterian youth. The theme had been “Go” and each day during the week focused on a different topic, such as “Go and See,” “Go and Do,” “Go and Discern,” “Go and Advocate” and “Go and Make Disciples.” The 2016 Triennium attendees participating in our worship service were:

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult Chaperones</u>	<u>Young Adult Work Crew</u>
Drew DeBenedetti (Orangewood)	Dan Albertson	Sophia Horen
Sarah Elgin (Community Pinetop)	Tully Fletcher	
Abby Kaup (Orangewood)	Amanda Horan	
Sarah McCoy (Crosswinds)	Kellie Von Borstel	
Emily Rake (Chandler)		
Brandon Short (Central)		

COMMISSIONING OF CRE CALVIN KELLY

Calvin Kelly was commissioned during the worship service to continue his service as Commissioned Ruling Elder to First Presbyterian Church in Leupp. Ken Page led a prayer of thanksgiving for Calvin’s gifts in speaking God’s word and leading the congregation.

IGNITE THE SPARK

Ray Schulte from the Center for Parish Development, an ecumenical Christian renewal organization, reviewed the discussion from the Ignite the Spark event on November 18. He reminded us that “God does not have a Plan B.” He explained that congregational renewal was not about “fixing” a church, but instead seeing what the Spirit of God is doing in your midst and then asking God what His mission is for you.

GA COMMISSIONERS AND YAAD REPORT

Grand Canyon’s commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly in Portland reported on their experiences. RE Carol Gerlach (First Mesa) served on the Mid-Councils committee and appreciated her opportunity to witness GA elect its first Co-Moderators as well as its first Black Stated Clerk. She felt the overall message she came away with was not to give in, but to continue to give.

YAAD Sophia Horen (Mission del Sol), one of 140 Young Adult Advisory Delegates from across the nation, served on the GA Procedures committee. She considered their most crucial discussion to be about the importance of protecting youth and vulnerable adults. Several of our GA commissioners noted how important the voices of the YAADs were within their assigned committees where they took part in the voting, as well as their presence on the floor of GA plenary sessions even though they were granted voice but not vote there.

RE Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial) moderated the Immigration and Environmental Issues committee. She reported there were few wishing to come before the committee regarding immigration issues but many wanting to voice opinions about fossil fuels. She noted that the new leader of the Presbyterian Mission Agency was Hispanic, another first. The GA message she resonated with was that our denomination was not dead and we should concentrate on being transformed - through transforming one person at a time. She reported that several groups were being selected to discern the future of the PC(USA) and look into combining the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly into one body, not only to curtail costs but also to unify our direction.

TE Chuck Proudfoot, who served on the Theological Issues committee, reported that the Confession of Belhar was officially added to our Book of Confessions, after having been approved by a majority of our presbyteries. The South African writer of Belhar spoke regarding its importance not only globally but in North America where racial discrimination remained a crucial issue.

TE Gale Watkins served on the Bills and Overtures committee. He proposed an approved commissioners' resolution from the floor of a plenary session calling for prayer for the persecuted church. He noted that the reality of a shrinking conservative Christian presence at GA, down to about 20% from 33% at the last GA, was a concern to him and fellow evangelicals.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENTATION

Joan Fenton, the Presbytery's consultant on domestic violence issues, introduced a short video from the Courageous Congregations organization addressing the importance of speaking about domestic violence and its prevention to our congregations. Joan noted that not only was the church a place for truth telling about domestic violence but also our pastors and lay people often found themselves in the role of being first responders and needed to be informed and prepared.

CONNECT AND SHARE MISSION FAIR

As presbyters were dismissed for lunch they were encouraged by Phebe Packer of the Congregational Resourcing Committee to visit the exhibits set up by Presbytery churches to share information about their mission projects. Tom Berry was available to speak with anyone interested on an update about Montlure Presbyterian Camp. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and totaled \$6.03.

RECOGNITION OF 2016 TEACHING ELDER RETIREMENTS

Michelle Moe – Kimberly Murman reflected on the many ways Shelly had served within the Presbytery and wider denomination. She was ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle in 1995 and since becoming a member of Grand Canyon in 1999 had been an interim pastor several times. Shelly had most recently served Celebration of Life in Mesa as its Stated Supply Pastor for over ten years. Doug Baer added that he appreciated her gifts in liturgical dance. Shelly was granted Honorably Retired status by the Presbytery on July 1, 2016.

Patricia Young – Ordained by the Presbytery of Lake Michigan in 1992, Pat joined Grand Canyon in 2002 when she became Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Peoria. She was a chemist and then a church Christian Educator before entering seminary. Shannon Langston spoke about Pat's loving pastoral ministry at Peoria over the course of 14 years. Pat was granted Honorably Retired status by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on March 1, 2016.

EXAMINATION OF PAUL ELGIN

COM Moderator Lawn Griffiths presented Paul Elgin, Candidate under care of Pinetop Presbyterian Church, for examination by the Presbytery for ordination as a Teaching Elder. Presbytery de Cristo had requested that our Presbytery conduct the examination because Paul had received a Call from First Presbyterian Church in Casa Grande to serve as their Pastor, with a start date prior to Presbytery de Cristo's next meeting.

Paul presented his Statement of Faith and answered a number of questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination and Paul was escorted from the room. The following was unanimously approved:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Paul Elgin for ordination as a Teaching Elder.

Paul was welcomed back into the room. He was joined by his family as Brad Munroe, Presbytery Pastor, gave the charge and offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Lents presented nominations. There being no nominations from the floor, the following were approved:

Moderator-Elect

2017 TE Judy Wellington (Southminster)

Leadership Team

2019 TE Cynthia Jennison (Memorial)
 2019 RE Custer Lowe (Ganado)
 2019 RE Kathryn Owens (Bethany)
 2019 RE Jan Palmer (Gilbert)

Commission on Ministry

2017 RE Lawn Griffiths (University)
 2019 RE Bob Aldag (Valley)
 2019 TE Stu Cameron (HR)
 2019 TE Michael Hartwell (Crosswinds)
 2019 TE Linda Lloyd (At Large)
 2019 TE Karen Muenich (Heritage)
 2019 TE Richard Nielsen (HR)
 2019 TE Kelly Nieto (Valley)
 2019 TE José Olagues (HR)
 2019 TE Derney Ramos (Betania)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

2019 TE Lowell Byall (HR)
 2019 TE Robert Felix (Validated)
 2019 RE Jim Hershauer (University)
 2019 TE Cathy Northrup (Validated)
 2019 RE Frank Walmsley (Gilbert)

Operations Committee

2019 RE Louis Jacobo (Orangewood)
 2019 RE Rocky Mackey (Gilbert)
 2019 RE Jeanette Miller (University)

Resources Committee

2019 TE Jim Crelin (Desert Palms)
 2019 RE Paula Gray (Southminster)
 2019 RE Stan Sanders (Payson)

Congregational Resourcing Committee

2019 RE George Brooks (Southminster)
 2019 TE Joseph Doh (HR)
 2019 RE Phebe Packer- Orangewood
 2019 TE Terry Swicegood (Peoria)
 2019 TE Pat Young (HR)

Permanent Judicial Commission

2022 RE Dick Coffelt (Valley)
 2022 TE Peggy Roberts (Validated)

Synod of the Southwest

2018 RE Mary Danforth
 2018 TE Michael Hartwell (Crosswinds)
 2018 TE Eric Ledermann (University)
 2018 RE Cindy Michels (Sierra Vista)

APPROVAL OF 2017 BUDGET

David Boyne, Resources Committee Moderator, introduced the proposed 2017 budget. He reported that the budget was developed, with input from the Leadership Team, to address a continuing trend of significant yearly income shortfalls. The 2016 budget deficit as of October 31 was \$153,000. Up until this point, reserve funds had been used to balance our budgets.

Brad Munroe was asked to help outline the changes being implemented to sustain the Presbytery while investing for the future. The budget was being divided into missions and connectional sections. Two corresponding endowment funds were being set up, funded by the anticipated \$4 million in proceeds from settlement agreements of departing churches, with only endowment earnings to be available for use.

The remainder of our spending was now to basically be limited to incoming mission and per capita giving from our churches. There was to be a fixed mission budget amount of \$55,000 to be designated for Native American ministry support, including salaries for our two Native American consultants and property insurance for Native American churches. Another \$45,000 was to be designated for mission support through mission priority grants, with that amount to be increased if mission giving allowed for that. Approval of the grants was to be the responsibility of the Congregational Resourcing Committee.

The connectional portion of the budget (operations) was to be funded by the Presbytery’s portion of per capita to cover administrative costs and staff salary expenses. David Boyne announced that the Combined Personnel Committee for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo shared staff had agreed to extend the staffing plan through 2019, subject to review of the current 70% Grand Canyon/30% de Cristo cost sharing breakdown. The budget was based on a proposed per capita of:

Presbytery	\$22.50
Synod	4.00
General Assembly	<u>7.50</u>
Total	\$34.00

Treasurer Barb Zubler explained that the goal of the new budgeting procedure was a “dollars in, dollars out” balanced budget. Budgeted mission spending had been reduced to reflect the reality that many churches had reduced or eliminated their mission pledges to the Presbytery over the past years.

The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the 2017 Presbytery of Grand Canyon budget as submitted.

Brad Munroe reported that, given the severity of the Presbytery’s financial situation, he had written to the Synod and OGA informing them of our intention to no longer pay per capita apportionments to Synod and OGA for churches that do not pay their per capita. He had not received responses from either organization and had sent second letters repeating his message.

Presbytery Moderator-Elect George Prohaska stepped in as Moderator when Ken Page needed to leave the meeting.

THEOLOGICAL TASK FORCE UPDATE

Leadership Team Moderator John Poling reported that, in response to requests from Tom Lineweaver both in writing and on the floor of Presbytery meetings, discussions had taken place about developing an initiative to gather a broad spectrum of Presbytery leaders to consider a “wide and generous orthodoxy.”

Brad Munroe had been asked to invite leaders to participate from a list approved by the Leadership Team. John explained that Leadership had discussed this issue at length and considered a number of proposals on how to respond to Tom’s requests. It had been agreed that the process must enable the participants to engage in conversation that affirmed one another and built bridges, not the opposite.

Tom Lineweaver was asked to address the Presbytery. He said he had not been given prior notice that he was on the agenda. He objected to the selection process for the conversation group, requesting that those

persons be elected by Presbytery rather than by Leadership. He expressed frustration because he felt those members of Presbytery aligning more with conservative values were not being given adequate consideration, and he predicted that due to this we could expect further departures.

Tom said Brad had repeatedly responded to his communications with proposals that did not address his original requests, which included a call for the Presbytery to develop and adopt a set of essential tenets similar to those of The Fellowship of Presbyterians. There was a question from the floor asking Tom whether his desired outcome was to open dialogue among a group of Grand Canyon leaders – or to come up with a product such as a written set of tenets, which might not be a goal accepted by the group and/or could create tension instead of easing it. Concern was also voiced about the way in which Tom had addressed Brad on the floor of Presbytery.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz reported that action continued on completing details of the five church dismissals approved at the October 1, 2016 Presbytery meeting. Legal title paperwork and arrangements for corresponding payments regarding transfer of property were finalized with Community Presbyterian Church in Lake Havasu City on November 2, 2016 and with Christ Presbyterian Church in Goodyear on November 10, 2016, and the churches and their pastors had been dismissed to ECO.

Bob reported on the denomination's recent Polity Conference where it was acknowledged that changes were coming and everyone would have to figure out how to do more with less. PC(USA) staffing cuts meant lower governing bodies would have less support. There was general consensus that there was a need to concentrate on racism issues.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported that 20 pastors were taking part in his two pastoral cohort groups, forming valuable support networking. He was planning a new cohort group for CREs.

He reported that feedback on the Ignite the Spark program for pastors and congregational leaders was positive after the workshops preceding the last two Presbytery meetings. William Willimon was the scheduled speaker for January and Jim Singleton for March. Brad encouraged presbyters to watch for details about an upcoming Lombard Mennonite training event as well as informational gatherings sponsored by the Board of Pensions.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Lents reported that the Operations Committee was proposing changes in the timing for election of General Assembly commissioners so they had adequate time to prepare for GA and review proposed actions. Bill reported that the Committee was giving notice to the Presbytery as follows:

Notice is given of the intent to request modification of Bylaws Article VII Ecclesiastical Relationships, Sections B-7.0100, B-7.0110 and B-7.0120, effectively rescheduling the nomination and election of TE, RE, and YAAD commissioner delegates to General Assembly. This will move nominations to the March meeting and elections to the August meeting for all three groups of delegates (TE, RE, YAAD). Official changes to the Bylaw language will be posted prior to the 50-day notice deadline for the January Presbytery meeting.

SCOTTSDALE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

Mary Lynn Walters took over as Presbytery Moderator so that George Prohaska could report to Presbytery as the Moderator of the Scottsdale Administrative Commission. George introduced the other Commission members: RE Mary Danforth, RE Lawn Griffiths, RE Cecil Patterson and TE John Poling.

The following motion was proposed by the Administrative Commission:

MOTION: That Scottsdale Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, shall be dismissed to the following Reformed body, A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, with the financial arrangements and other provisions listed as part of the Report of the Administrative Commission (see pp. 17-18).

George reported that discussions between the AC and Scottsdale’s Session had been delayed while the church continued a season of discernment. Letters were then sent to the 79 members of the congregation, with 76 returned. Only three were not in favor of dismissal and one was unsure. The small congregation was debt free and the Administrative Commission concluded that dismissal was appropriate. The payment of past per capita was a sticking point in negotiations and the resulting settlement therefore included one total payment without breakouts for individual line items.

Bruce Johnson, Scottsdale Pastor, commended the Administrative Commission, although he noted that the dollar amount of the settlement was a challenge for a small congregation. When asked what issues led the church to seek dismissal he responded that concerns had begun decades ago regarding what the congregation believed compared to the positions of the PC(USA).

There being no further discussion, the motion for dismissal was approved by the Presbytery by written ballot resulting in 41 for and 10 against.

George Prohaska resumed his role as Moderator of Presbytery.

GEORGE BROOKS AWARD PRESENTATION

Phebe Packer, representing the Congregational Resourcing Committee, introduced the recipient of the 2016 George Brooks award, Dr. Karen White-Hardin of Southminster Presbyterian Church.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Faith congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 3:55 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for January 27-28, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in Mesa.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of November 19, 2016 at the Leadership Team meeting on January 4, 2017.

S/Robert Schulz
Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

January 4, 2017
Date

**Proposal for Scottsdale Presbyterian Church Settlement
Scottsdale Administrative Commission – Presbytery of Grand Canyon
November 16, 2016**

Background/History

On April 13, 1958 sixteen souls met for worship in the American Legion Hall in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Claude Morton presided over what was billed as a meeting to form the “East Scottsdale Presbyterian Church.” Seven months later, on the evening of November 16, 1958, Scottsdale Presbyterian Church was formally chartered with about 80 founding members. The Rev. Johnston H. Calhoun was installed as the first pastor.

The first portion of the present church building was completed on June 10, 1960 and dedicated in worship on June 12. This building consisted of a Fellowship Hall (which was used as a sanctuary), an administrative office, pastor’s study and six church school classrooms.

Scottsdale Presbyterian Church continued to grow and broke ground for the second portion of the building on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1964. This addition consisted of a permanent sanctuary, choir room, pastors’ studies and church office. A service of dedication was held on Sunday, January 24, 1965. Other major changes to the physical plant included the installations of a pipe organ (1977) and stained glass windows (1990) in the sanctuary, and playground equipment in the courtyard (1996).

Scottsdale Presbyterian Church has hosted a variety of ministries to serve the needs of the Scottsdale community. The church has sponsored Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops since the 1960’s. In the early 1970’s the church entered into a contract to host Interfaith Counseling Service on site. Palo Alto Pre-schools began using the Christian Education wing a year later. More recently the S.P.A.R.K. after school program has been enriching the lives of grade school children. Down through the decades, thousands of young men and women have learned about the love of Jesus Christ through Sunday School, Youth Group and Vacation Bible School programs at Scottsdale Presbyterian Church.

The Scottsdale congregation has become involved in missions beyond its local neighborhood. Prominent among these have been partnerships with Native American ministries, including a 1976 mission trip to Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska. The nurturing of Christian fellowship through Bible study has also been a recurring theme, including women’s circles, the Kerygma series, growth groups and the Alpha course. The love of Christ has become real in the joining together of prayerful human hearts.

Today the people of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church continue the grand tradition of loving each other, loving their city, and loving Jesus Christ most of all. The congregation follows God’s word and direction by identifying, nurturing and using the spiritual gifts of each member to serve their neighbors and church family, making new disciples for the glory of Christ. The Rev. Dr. Bruce R. Johnson has served as pastor of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church since 2000.

Discernment

Concern for the future of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church within the PC(USA) can be traced back in time at least 15 years. Beginning in 2001 the Session began to examine whether current PC(USA) orthodoxy was consistent with its understanding of basic tenets of the faith. Ultimately the Session determined that its beliefs regarding the essentials of Christian faith were challenged by adherence to the PC(USA)’s current policies, practices and rulings. In October 2015 the Session acted to formally enter into a time of discernment regarding the congregation’s future within the PC(USA). In response, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon formed the Scottsdale Administrative Commission in late 2015.

The AC formally began its work by meeting with Pastor Johnson and the Session on February 22, 2016. At that time it was clear the Session had not determined what future direction it would recommend to the Scottsdale congregation. For the next three months Session continued its discernment process. In a letter dated May 18, 2016 the Session made formal notification to the AC that it would seek dismissal from the PC(USA) in order to become affiliated with A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO).

The AC then began to plan and execute a discernment process involving the entire Scottsdale congregation. Letters explaining the process and a questionnaire were sent to all members. Small group meetings were held at the church on Sunday, July 10, with only 30 members attending. However, the AC received questionnaires from 76 church members, 96% of the current membership. Of the 76 responses, only three did not favor dismissal from the PC(USA) and only one was undecided. Given the overwhelming majority in favor of dismissal, it is clear that there is not a viable remnant to remain with the PC(USA) within this congregation.

Items for Consideration

1. The congregation of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church is small: 79 members.
2. The Presbytery of Grand Canyon, Synod of the Southwest, and/or General Assembly have actively supported the Scottsdale church with loans, grants, and guarantees for loans from community financial institutions. Presbytery records show four such transactions, dating from 1964, with a total value of \$595,000. The Scottsdale congregation has no outstanding debt.
3. An appraisal of the Scottsdale church campus by Valbridge Property Advisors valued the property at \$1,500,000.
4. The AC and Session agreed to disagree on the subject of per capita. As such, the terms of the financial settlement below do not separate line items, such as per capita.
5. Scottsdale Presbyterian Church and the AC are mutually committed to Clauses IV.B and IV.D of the Gracious Dismissal Policy.
6. The AC affirms that the Pastor and congregation of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church desire to leave the PC(USA) and become members of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO).

Proposed Dismissal Terms

In keeping with the Gracious Dismissal Policy of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, and in keeping with the charge to the AC, especially item (e) “in consultation with the session, to seek a mutually agreeable proposal for the disposition of all property, contents, and historical documents, with the aim for furthering the mission of Christ through good stewardship of resources,” the AC proposes the following:

1. That Scottsdale Presbyterian Church be dismissed from the PC(USA) and allowed to join A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). ECO has already accepted the Scottsdale congregation.
2. That the Pastor at Scottsdale Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Johnson, also be allowed to transfer his pastoral credentials to ECO. ECO has already accepted Rev. Johnson.
3. That Scottsdale Presbyterian Church will be responsible for a total financial settlement of \$178,500. The Session of Scottsdale Presbyterian Church has approved this settlement amount. The AC shall make a recommendation regarding the apportionment of the total settlement amount in due course.

The Scottsdale Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

RE George Prohaska, Moderator; RE Mary Danforth; RE Lawn Griffiths; RE Cecil Patterson and
TE John Poling